and agencies. The NTS will not hold, on its own, any admission test which will confer a claim on any one for admission to any institution, or recruitment to any post.

(v) Function as a well equipped resource centre at the national level in test development, test administration, test scoring and interpretation, application of computer systems and optical mark readers, etc., and to offer upon requests, consultancy and advice to the various examining bodies.

Ms. Benazir Bhutto's offer for Mediation between India and Nepal

1933. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is fact that Ms. Benazir Bhutto, Prime Minister of Pakistan as Chairperson of the SAARC has offered to mediate between India and Nepal to help in improving the relations and understanding between the two countries; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) Government have seen reports to this effect.

(b) Under the SAARC Charter *inter se* bilateral issues of the member countries cannot be discussed within the SAARC forum.

Assistance for basic development of various faculties in colleges under the Kurukshetra University

1934. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kurukshetra University has recommended to the University Grants Commission in March, 1989, the proposal for providing basic development assistance to Arts, Science and Commerce faculties in colleges under it during the 7th Plan period ;

(b) if so, what are the details of proposals in respect of each college recommended by the University to U.G.C. ; and

(c) what is- the action taken thereon by Government ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L.P. SHAHI) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The Kurukshetra University has recommended to the U.G.C, proposals from three colleges for providing basic assistance and assistance for development of undergraduate education during the 7th Plan period as per details indicated in the statement attached. *[See* Appendix CL, Annexure No. 93]

Construction of indoor stadiums in colleges under the Kurukshetra University

1935. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kurukshetra University has recommended to the University Grants Commission in January, 1988, the proposals for the construction of indoor stadiums in the colleges under that University ;